

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments prior to examination of this application.

**Status of Claims**

Claims 18 to 40 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1 to 17 are being canceled without prejudice.

**Amendment**

The specification is being amended to insert section headers and an abstract of the disclosure in accordance with 37 CFR §1.77 to better conform with US patent practice. The specification is also being amended to insert a cross-reference to related applications in accordance 37 CFR §1.78 and to claim priority to those applications listed therein.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification entitled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

New Claims 18 to 40 replace original Claims 1 to 17, and are being presented to better conform with US patent practice. These new claims are supported by the specification for example as shown in the Table below (cites to the specification are for the English translation):

Claim	Support in Specification
18	page 2, lines 25 to 29
19, 39	page 4, lines 10 to 13
20, 21	page 3, lines 17 to 26
22, 23	page 3, lines 27 to 30
24, 25, 26, 27	page 4, lines 28 to page 5, line 16
28, 29	page 13, lines 6 to 9
30, 31	page 13, lines 14 to 16
32	page 14, line 1
33	page 15, lines 2 to 6
34, 35	page 16, lines 24 to page 17, line 3
36, 37	page 20, line 29 to page 21, line 14

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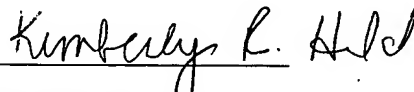
Claim	Support in Specification
38	page 22, lines 17 to 19
40	page 23, lines 3 to 7

No new matter is added by the new claims or amendments to the specification.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-1250 in connection with this amendment.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**In the Specification:**

On page 10, line 1, the heading "CLAIMS" has been amended as shown below:  
[CLAIMS] What is claimed is:

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